



Dear AGMA Signatory Company,

Now that the long-feared second wave of COVID-19 is upon us, AGMA is reaching out again to our signatory companies. With all but two states in the U.S. experiencing “uncontrolled spread” of the virus, we must act to address the current crisis conditions across the country. AGMA stands ready to work with you to assess and respond to the increased risks of the pandemic’s second wave.

From the onset of the pandemic, AGMA’s foremost concern has been the safety and health of our Performing Artists and the well-being of the companies that rely on their talent and skill. The AGMA/SDC [*Return to Stage and Performing Arts Playbook*](#) provides a step-by-step approach for reopening built on five levels linked to the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community. Over the last few months, AGMA’s medical team has reviewed nearly forty (40) company reopening plans, and we have worked with many of you to safely adjust protocols to the unique needs of your companies. We have many success stories of companies bringing Artists back to work in creative and safe ways.

Our medical team is suggesting additional layers of protection to strengthen safety protocols in this critical moment. If, for example, your state is experiencing more than 200 COVID cases per million with a positivity rate of more than 10% (www.covidexitstrategy.org), companies should be considering increasing filtration, adding portable HEPA filters, requiring mask wearing at all times (even when singing or dancing), and regular testing. Additionally, with the holiday season fast approaching, AGMA members at your companies will need clear guidance regarding travel and quarantine.

Your AGMA staff representative will be reaching out to discuss these matters. We remain confident that we will emerge from this unprecedented and dark time, especially with the hopeful news about effective vaccines. However, we must continue to move forward deliberately, intelligently, and with utmost focus on the science and the recommendations of medical experts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LEONARD EGERT".

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